

JOSHUA

TAKING HOLD OF THE PROMISE

**A Time For
Believing God's
Promises**

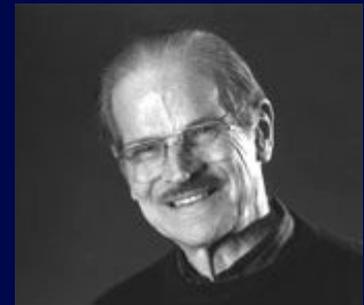


Joshua 1:1-5

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to

you, just as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you.

How can Christian pastors hope to feed their flock on a well-balanced spiritual diet if they completely neglect the 39 books of Holy Scripture on which Christ and all the New Testament authors received their own spiritual nourishment?
– Gleason Archer



The Bible Of 1st Century Christians

2 Timothy 3:15

and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the **sacred writings**, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

Romans 15:4

For **whatever was written** in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the **encouragement of the Scriptures** we might have hope.

Genesis 1:1

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Community-

God enjoys perfect relationship in the love among the Father, Son and Holy Spirit



Creation-

God creates a perfect world where we can be brought into this perfect community.



Crash-

Man rejects God's gracious invitation and plunges the human race into ruin.

Covenant-

God promises to bring man back to himself and pursues man in love.



Crown-

God chooses a family, makes it a nation to bless the whole world.



Crisis-

Israel rejects God's plan, so God sends prophets/leaders to call them back.

Christ -

God enters human history as a man to do for man what they could never do for themselves



Church-

Jesus works through the very people he has saved to rescue the world



Consummation-

God restores all things to perfect order and brings us back into perfect community

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Joshua is well into the Covenant period-
moving towards Israel's full establishment
(Crown) as a nation

After the death of Moses
the servant of the LORD

The “**Servant Of The Lord**” – No Ordinary Title

Genesis 26:24

I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring for **my servant Abraham's** sake

1 Kings 8:66

for all the goodness that the LORD had shown to **David his servant** and to Israel his people.

Isaiah 53:11

by his knowledge shall **the righteous one, my servant**, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

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Nun, **Moses' assistant**, "Moses my
servant is dead.

Exodus 17:8-13

Then Amalek came and fought with Israel at Rephidim. So Moses said to **Joshua**, "Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did as Moses told him, and fought with Amalek, while Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed, and whenever he lowered his hand, Amalek prevailed... And **Joshua** overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

Joshua, previously unknown, is suddenly a successful military leader, but he needs constantly to be reminded that this was God's victory, not his, entirely dependent on Moses' symbolic raising of his hands to the throne of Yahweh in supplication and intercession.

– David Jackman



Exodus 24:13-14

So Moses rose with **his assistant Joshua**, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you.

Numbers 11:26-28

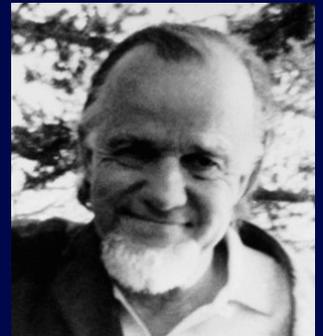
Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them."

Numbers 11:29

But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

Joshua was learning a lesson that anybody who is ever going to be worth anything in leadership must learn. A leader must never confuse himself with God. When a person begins to exercise certain gifts and God brings him to a place of leadership in the church of Christ, how easy it is to take the glory. Yet this is the destruction of all true spiritual leadership.

– Francis Schaeffer



Numbers 14:6-10

And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. If the LORD delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and

honey. Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us.

Their protection is removed from them, and the LORD is with us; do not fear them.” Then all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of the LORD appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel.



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Numbers 34:1-4

Then Moses went to Mount Nebo...which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land... And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.”

Numbers 27:16-17

“Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the LORD may not be as sheep that have no shepherd.”

Joshua 27:18-20

So the LORD said to Moses, “Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him.

Make him stand before Eleazar the priest and all the congregation, and you shall commission him in their sight. You

shall invest him with some of your authority, that all the congregation of the people of Israel may obey.

the LORD said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, "Moses my servant is dead. **Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan,** you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to

The words are not unexpected. They are like the starting pistol to a race that Joshua has always known he would one day run and for which he has been trained and has prepared for decades. But they must have come with awesome demand and challenge, and they must surely have provoked that mixture of excited anticipation and inner panic we all know when we stand on the threshold of a major new chapter of our life experience.

– David Jackman



v. 2 the **land** that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel.

v. 3 just as I **promised to Moses**.

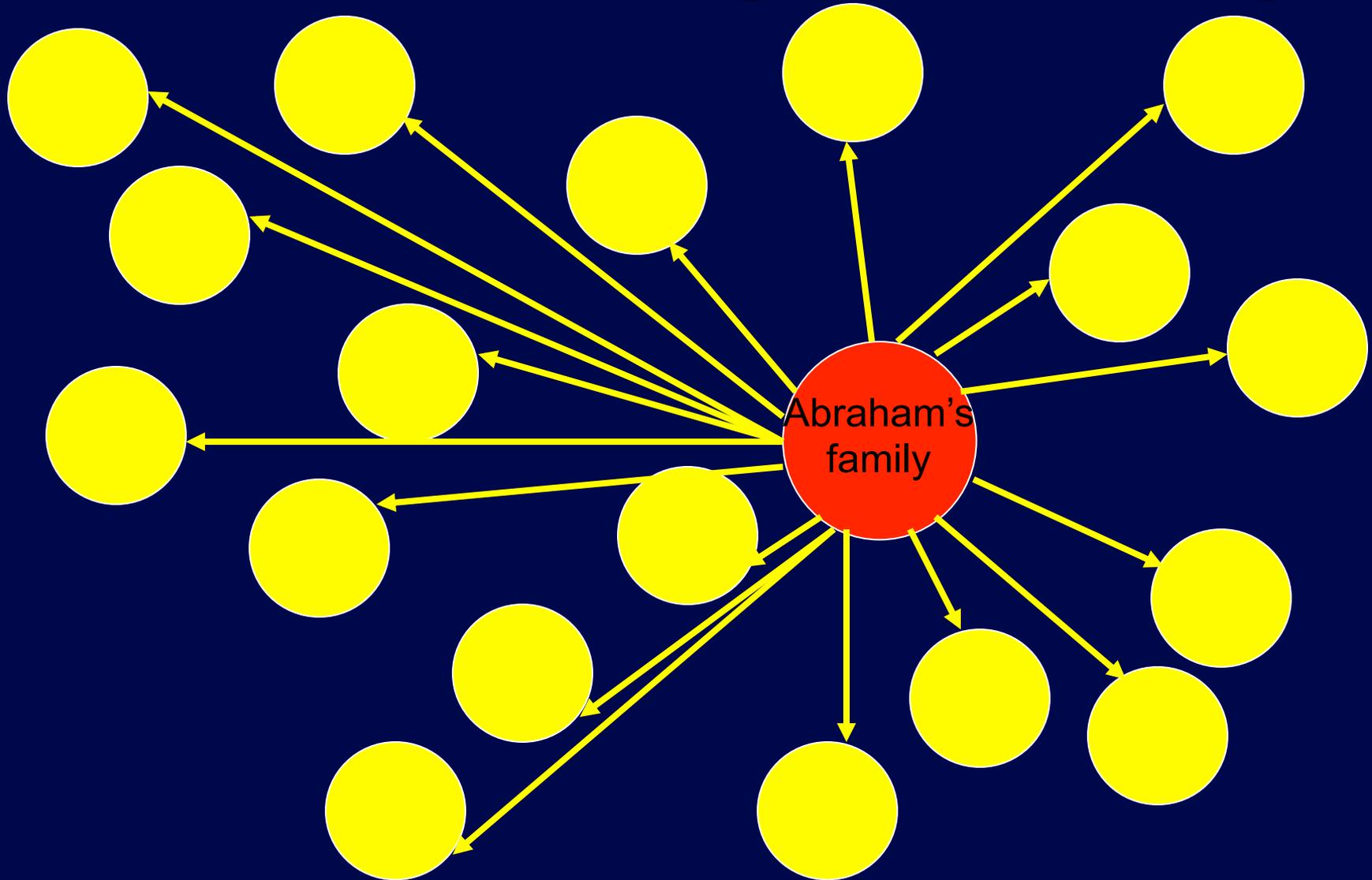
v. 4 From the **wilderness** and **this Lebanon** as far as **the great river**, the **river Euphrates**, all the **land of the Hittites to the Great Sea** toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory.

v. 6 for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that **I swore to their fathers** to give them.

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. **And I will make of you a great nation**, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and **in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**”

The Families Of The Earth Blessed Through One Family



Genesis 15:18-21

On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

Just as I was with Moses, so I will be
with you. I will not leave you or
forsake you.

Moses may die; God's promise lives on. There is the passing of an era yet the endurance of a promise. Yahweh's fidelity does not hinge on the achievements of men, however gifted they may be, nor does it evaporate in the face of funerals or rivers.

– Dale Ralph Davis

