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# Joshua

**Joshua tells the story of God fulfilling a promise to the nation of Israel to possess and dwell in the land of Canaan.**



# Outline of Joshua

**Entering the Land** | *Chapters 1-5*

**Conquering the Land** | *Chapters 6-12*

**Possessing the Land** | *Chapters 13-24*



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## **Joshua 1:6** NIV

“Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.”







A red braided cord with a tassel hangs vertically on the left side of the image. The background is a vast, hazy desert landscape with rolling sand dunes under a pale sky. The cord is positioned in the foreground, creating a sharp contrast with the soft, out-of-focus background.

# The Scarlet Cord



# The Promise to Rahab

JOSHUA 2:1-24





## **Joshua 2:1** NIV

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Named “servant of the Lord”

Commissioned by the Lord

Asked to remove sandals on Holy Ground

Began journey to the Promised Land

## Joshua

Book ends with the death of Joshua

Named “servant of the Lord”

Commissioned by the Lord

Asked to remove sandals on Holy Ground

Finished journey to the Promised Land





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Called for obedience to the Law

Dealt with disobedience in the camp

Gave a farewell speech

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**Her rescue is far more to the glory of  
God than any attempted whitewashing  
of her behavior.**

- DAVID JACKMAN





## **Joshua 2:2-3** NIV

The king of Jericho was told, “Look, some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.” <sup>3</sup> So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: “Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land.”



## Joshua 2:4-7 NIV

But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from. <sup>5</sup> At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, they left. I don’t know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.” <sup>6</sup> (But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.) <sup>7</sup> So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.



A misty, mountainous landscape with a winding road in the foreground. The scene is hazy, with soft light filtering through the fog or mist. The mountains are layered, creating a sense of depth. The road is a thin, light-colored line that curves through the valley. The overall tone is serene and atmospheric.

## **Joshua 2:8-9** NIV

Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof <sup>9</sup> and said to them, “I know that the LORD has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you.”





## **Joshua 2:10-11 NIV**

“We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed.  
<sup>11</sup> When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.”



A misty, mountainous landscape with a winding road in the foreground. The scene is hazy, with soft, muted colors of brown, tan, and grey. The road curves through the valley, leading the eye into the distance. The mountains are layered, creating a sense of depth and vastness. The overall atmosphere is quiet and contemplative.

## **Joshua 2:12-13** NIV

“Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign <sup>13</sup> that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death.”



## **Joshua 2:14-16 NIV**

“Our lives for your lives!” the men assured her. “If you don’t tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the LORD gives us the land.” <sup>15</sup> So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. <sup>16</sup> She said to them, “Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way.”



## **Joshua 2:22-24** NIV

When they left, they went into the hills and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had searched all along the road and returned without finding them. <sup>23</sup> Then the two men started back. They went down out of the hills, forded the river and came to Joshua son of Nun and told him everything that had happened to them. <sup>24</sup> They said to Joshua, “The LORD has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us.”



## Joshua 2:17-18 NIV

Now the men had said to her, “This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us <sup>18</sup> unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this **scarlet cord** in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house.”



## **Joshua 2:19-21 NIV**

“If any of them go outside your house into the street, their blood will be on their own heads; we will not be responsible. As for those who are in the house with you, their blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on them. <sup>20</sup> But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear.” <sup>21</sup> “Agreed,” she replied. “Let it be as you say.” So she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.





# The Promise to Rahab

**Joshua 2:17-18** NIV

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# The Passover

## Exodus 12:23 NIV

When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the **blood** on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.





# The Cross

**Romans 5:9** NIV

Since we have now been justified by his **blood**,  
how much more shall we be saved from God's  
wrath through him.





## **God's Mercy at Jericho**

### **Joshua 6:25 NIV**

But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho—and she lives among the Israelites to this day.



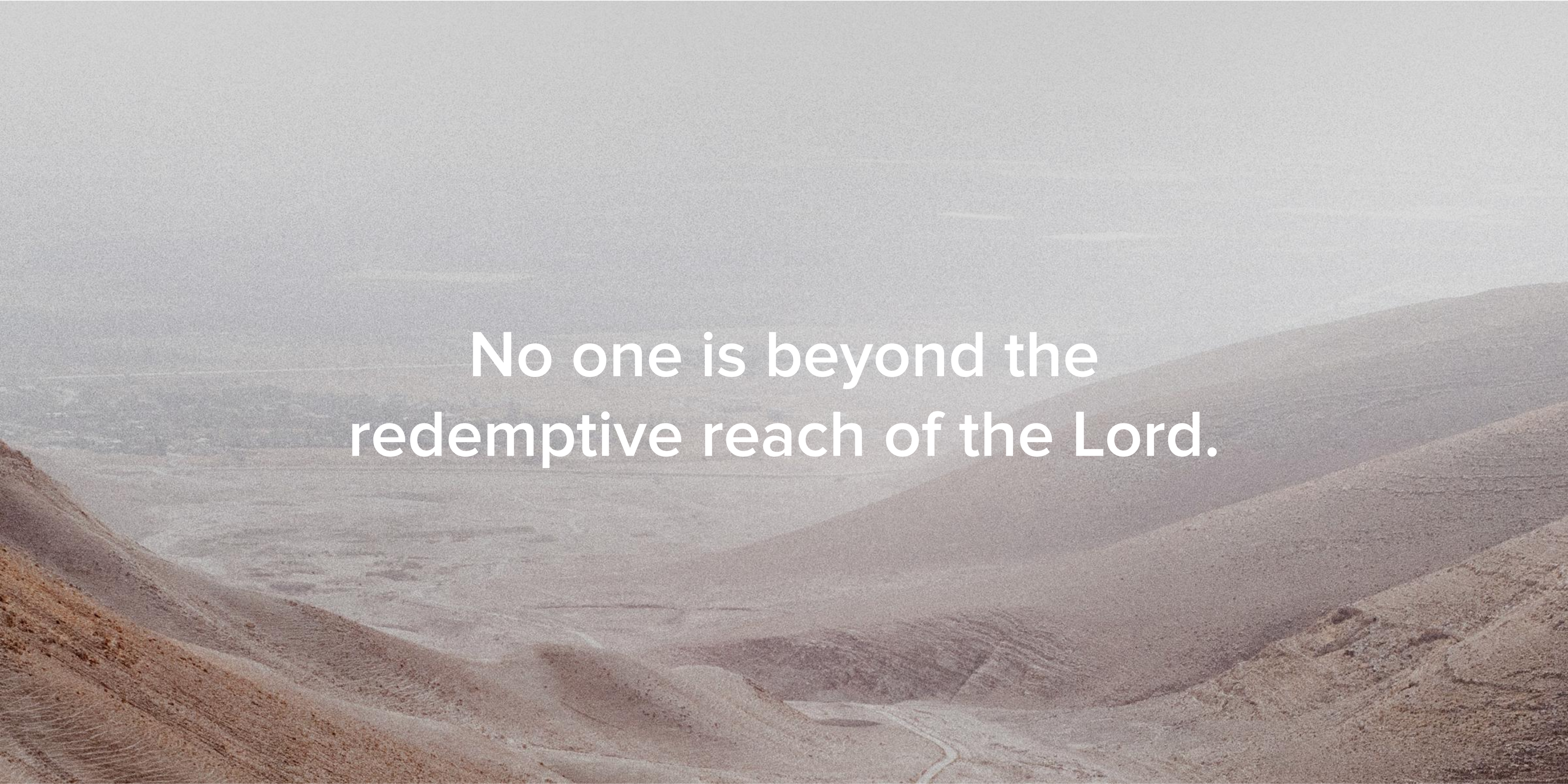
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Joshua didn't need a strategy for Jericho—God would give him an extraordinary plan for the taking of the city. God sent the spies to save Rahab and her family.

- BARBARANNE KELLY

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A wide-angle photograph of a desert landscape. The foreground shows the textured, undulating slopes of sand dunes in shades of tan and brown. In the middle ground, a thin, light-colored road or path winds through the valley between the dunes. The background is a vast, flat expanse of desert stretching to a distant, hazy horizon under a pale, overcast sky. The overall atmosphere is one of vastness and solitude.

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## Hebrews 11:31 NIV

By faith the prostitute **Rahab**, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.



## James 2:25-26 NIV

In the same way, was not even **Rahab** the prostitute considered righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? <sup>26</sup> As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.



## Matthew 1:1-6 NIV

**This is the genealogy of Jesus** the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

<sup>2</sup> Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, <sup>3</sup> Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, <sup>4</sup> Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, <sup>5</sup> Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was **Rahab**, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, <sup>6</sup> and Jesse the father of King David.



A thick, red, braided rope hangs vertically from the top left corner. It has a knot about halfway down, with a tassel-like fringe hanging from it. The rope is set against a background of rolling, arid hills under a hazy, overcast sky. The landscape is desolate and expansive, with a winding path visible in the distance.

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