

# The Promised Land (Joshua)

- **The Lord Makes & Keeps His Covenants to His People**
- **No matter how ridiculous the instructions from the Lord & His Prophet...we should obey!**
- **Questions:**
  1. Where and How did the Children of Israel enter the Promised Land?
  2. What is the symbolism of Joshua bringing the Coff into the Promised Land?
  3. Why was Rahab spared when they conquered Jericho?
  4. Why was Naaman reluctant to follow the Prophet Elisha's counsel to bathe in the Jordan 7 times?
  5. How many Tribes of Israel were there? 12 or 13?

## (Joshua)

- **Entrance into the Promised Land!**
  - **Joshua/Jesus** = "The Lord Saves" or "The Lord Gives the Victory"
  - **Joshua Enters the Promised Land;**
    - Symbolism of Joshua/Jesus
    - 2 Impossible Tasks (cross River & conquer Jericho)
    - Do the Instructions make sense?
    - Priests enter and water parting, (Joshua 3)
    - **Elder Bednar**; "*Exercise Faith in Christ*" (quote)
  - **Joshua Conquers Jericho;**
    - 7 Priests/Trumpets/Laps/Day; 7 = Shevah; swear an oath; whole, perfection, complete THE LORDS COVENANT LAND (Joshua 6)
  - **Rahab** (Joshua 2 – Christ's Lineage – See Matt 1)
  - **Naaman** story (2 Kings 5:8-14) **VT (Bethabara)**
  - **Instructions do NOT make sense =**
    - Faith in Prophets directions (*14 Fundamentals in Following the Prophet*)
    - Harold B. Lee quote
- **Land inheritances & the Reign of the Judges (Judah has Jerusalem)**
  - **13 Tribes:** Levi no land inheritance(Joshua 13:33); Judah in Jerusalem
  - **Lord gave them the Land- Summary:** (Joshua 11:23; 21:43-45)
  - **Joshua's Final Instructions:** (Joshua 1:8; 24:15,31)
    - President Ezra Taft Benson, "*The Power of the Word*"
    - Benefits of Scripture Study (see below)

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### Old Testament:

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<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/study/scriptures/ot/josh/1?lang=eng>

#### **Book of 2 Kings 5**

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#### **Elder David A. Bednar “Exercise Faith in Christ”**

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/media/video/2014-06-2100-exercise-faith-in-christ?lang=eng>

#### **President Ezra Taft Benson “Fourteen Fundamentals in Following the Prophet”**

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#### **President Ezra Taft Benson, “The Power of the Word,” Ensign, May 1986, 81**

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#### **Jay E. Jensen, in Conference Report, Oct. 1992, 113–14**

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## QUOTES:

**Elder David A. Bednar:** “Taking action is the exercise of faith. The children of Israel are carrying the Ark of the Covenant. They come to the River Jordan. The promise is they will cross over on dry land. When does the water part? When their feet are wet. They walk into the river—act. Power follows—the water parts.

We oftentimes believe, “I’m going to have this perfect understanding, and then I’m going to transform that into what I do.” I would suggest that we have enough to get started. We have a sense of the right direction. Faith is a principle—the principle—of action and of power. True faith is focused in and on the Lord Jesus Christ and always leads to action.”

**(Elder David A. Bednar; “Seek Learning by Faith” [address to Church Educational System religious educators, Feb. 3, 2006], [lds.org/media-library](https://www.lds.org/media-library))**

**President Harold B. Lee:**

“You may not like what comes from the authority of the Church. It may conflict with your political views. It may contradict your social views. It may interfere with some of your social life ... Your safety and ours depends upon whether or not we follow ... Let’s keep our eye on the President of the Church.” (**President Harold B. Lee**, *Conference Report*, October 1970, p. 152–153.)

**President Ezra Taft Benson:**

“Studying and searching the scriptures is not a burden laid upon [Saints] by the Lord, but a marvelous blessing and opportunity. . . “The Lord was not promising Joshua material wealth and fame, but that his life would prosper in righteousness and that he would have success in that which matters most in life, namely the quest to find true joy. (See 2 Nephi 2:25)” (**President Ezra Taft Benson**, “*The Power of the Word*,” *Ensign*, May 1986, 81).

**The Benefits of Scripture Study:**

- 1 Nephi 15:24 (power to overcome evil)
- Alma 4:19 (power to live righteously)
- Alma 17:2–3 (power to teach convincingly)
- Jacob 4:6 (power to call down the powers of heaven)
- Helaman 15:7 (power to change the heart and disposition)
- Romans 15:4 (increased hope and joy)
- Alma 31:5 (increased spirituality)
- 2 Nephi 32:3 (increased knowledge and understanding)
- Helaman 3:29 (increased power of discernment)
- Doctrine and Covenants 18:36 (increased testimony)

(See Jay E. Jensen, in *Conference Report*, Oct. 1992, 113–14 or *Ensign*, Nov. 1992, 81.)