

## ***Access the Bible***

### Tualatin Presbyterian Church

#### **Joshua Outline**

**Introduction:** The book of Joshua tells the story of the Israelites entering into and conquering the land of Canaan, the land they believe God promised to Abraham and Sarah and their descendants. Written in two parts, the book of Joshua first describes the conquest, and then in a second section describes the dividing of the land to the tribes and sub-tribes. Joshua was not written at the time the recorded events occurred, however. Part of what is known as the Deuteronomistic history, which includes Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, 1 and 2 Samuel, and 1 and 2 Kings, Joshua is compiled during the reign of King Josiah in the 7<sup>th</sup> century BCE. It is important to know this because the book of Joshua reflects its 7<sup>th</sup> century context as much (or more) than the 11<sup>th</sup> century events described in the book. Indeed, today scholars rely on archeological data to reconstruct the 11<sup>th</sup> far more than the account of Joshua.

#### **Section One: The Conquest**

Chapter 1: The call of Joshua

Chapter 2: Spies going into Jericho- Rahab's story

Chapter 3: Israel crosses the Jordan

Chapter 4: 12 stones for the 12 tribes and camping at Gilgal

Chapter 5: Circumcision and Joshua's vision of the angel

Chapter 6: Conquering Jericho

Chapter 7: Achan and his problem keeping *herem*

Chapter 8: Conquering Ai and the renewal of the covenant

Chapter 9: Peace and enslavement of the Gibeonites

Chapter 10: Defense of Gibeon and defeat of five kings in the south

Chapter 11: Defeat of Canaan in the north

Chapter 12: List of conquered kings

#### **Section Two: Dividing Up the Land to the Tribes**

Chapter 13: Unconquered land and Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh

Chapter 14: Distribution west of the Jordan

Chapter 15: Judah

Chapter 16: Ephraim

Chapter 17: Manasseh and Joseph's protest

Chapter 18: Remaining tribes

Chapter 19: Remaining tribes cont.

Chapter 20: Cities of refuge

Chapter 21: The cities of the Levites

Chapter 22: Eastern tribes

Chapter 23: Joshua's farewell address

Chapter 24: Shechem covenant

Stories to know: The story of Rahab (2:1-24); The "battle" of Jericho (Chapter 6:1-27); Joshua's "As for me and my household" speech (24:14-28)